

NCARB's 2005 Annual Meeting and Conference, held in Miami Beach, Florida, in late June, was the setting for evocative keynote speakers, energetic exchanges among attendees, and engaging workshops that highlighted the work of many Council committees.

2005 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference





Annual Meeting Draws Raves for Keynote Speakers, Variety of Workshops

Fifty-two of NCARB's 55 member boards were represented during this important yearly gathering where delegates considered 17 resolutions. They also learned about the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program; security issues concerning the Architect Registration Examination (ARE); "West Side Streetscape/Small Built Works Project," the 2005 NCARB Prize grand prize-winning submission from the University at Buffalo/SUNY; and NCARB's newly revised Strategic Plan (see *article on page 4*), which will guide Council endeavors in coming years.

Beyond these presentations, Annual Meeting delegates enjoyed keynote speeches from Craig Zimring, who advocated "Promoting Health Through Design," and Edward Mazria, who discussed "Turning Down the Global Thermostat" (see *sidebar on page 12*).

Outgoing Council President, Frank M. Guillot, AIA (2004-2005), delivered a humorous yet thought-provoking address that contained the refrain "we have much to learn and to think about" as he covered a number of relevant topics. Toward the end of his speech, Guillot presciently noted, "The social contract that we accept in exchange for the privilege to be licensed as architects is that we must protect the public, even at the expense of our own self interest. If we really live that contract and the public believes that we are absolutely, strictly abiding by it, why would they seek design help from anyone else? That may hold the key to the future of the profession and its ability to regain or reinforce its leadership in creating the built environment."

Incoming Council President, H. Carleton Godsey, FAIA (2005-2006), described his ambitious agenda for FY06, which includes the initial implementation of Strategic Plan goals; researching governance issues that affect the composition of the NCARB Board of Directors; looking at candidate eligibility for the ARE; and working toward the completion of several international agreements.

Godsey invoked the lessons learned from a champion thoroughbred and a little girl with terminal cancer: "Let us also remember the lesson of Afleet Alex, and know when we are behind we can charge ahead and blow away all our obstacles and challenges. That when we stumble occasionally, and we will, we can still recover and win the race and meet our objectives. Most importantly, like little Alex Scott, we have a vision and encourage others to help us reach that vision."

Seven different workshops were offered after the Annual Meeting business sessions. They explored topics as diverse as the Internship Conference (see *page 22*), the web-based *Emerging Professional's Companion*, engaging architectural services during construction, and the handing down of civil penalties. More details about the Annual Meeting workshops can be found on *page 12*.

NCARB's 87th Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in June 2006 in Cincinnati, Ohio. **DC**

2005 Annual Meeting Resolutions

Resolution 05-1: "Bylaw Amendment—Renaming First Vice President/President-Elect."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-2: "Bylaw Amendment—Clarifying the Appointment of Committees."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-3: "Revision to *Handbook for Interns and Architects*—Post-Professional Degree Clarification."

Passed: 50-1.

Resolution 05-4: "Model Law Amendment—Sealing Technical Submissions."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-5: "Model Law Amendment—Clarification of Technical Submissions."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-6: "Bylaw Amendment—Adding Second Vice President to Finance/Management Committee."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-7: "Revocation of Northern Mariana Islands Council Membership for Failure to Pay Regional Dues."

Was not moved.

Resolution 05-8: "Amendment to *Handbook for Interns and Architects*—Certification of Foreign Architects."

Passed: 50-1.

Resolution 05-9: "Amendment to *Handbook for Interns and Architects*—Employment Periods."

Passed: 51-0.

Resolution 05-10: "Amendment to *Model Law and Legislative Guidelines*—Firm Practice."

Passed as amended 49-1 with one abstention.

Resolution 05-11: "Evaluation of NAAB Student Performance Criteria."

Failed: 8-42.

Resolution 05-12: "NCARB Appointment to the NAAB Board of Directors."

Failed: 10-41.

Resolution 05-13: "Goals and Guidelines for NCARB Members of NAAB Visiting Teams."

Failed: 6-44.

Resolution 05-14: "Board of Directors—Two Directors Per Region."

Was not moved.

Resolution 05-15: "Public Member Board Member and Member Board Executive Seats on Board of Directors."

Was not moved.

Resolution 05-16: "Governance."

Was not moved.

Resolution 05-17: "Fee and Dues Increases—Member Board Vote Requirement."

Failed: 1-48 with one abstention.

At the close of NCARB's 86th Annual Meeting and Conference, Council President Frank M. Guillot, AIA (2004-2005), honored six individuals for their significant contributions to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare through their service to NCARB and to the practice of architecture.



TOP-LEFT: CORNELIUS "KIN" DUBOIS, AIA
 TOP-RIGHT: CHARLES H. HENLEY, NAA
 MIDDLE-LEFT: FERNANDO MORA MORA
 MIDDLE-RIGHT: WILLIAM R. PONKO, AIA
 BOTTOM-LEFT: JAN B. SIMPSON
 BOTTOM-RIGHT: PETER STEFFIAN, FAIA

Six Recognized for Service to NCARB and the Profession of Architecture

The NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service is an honor that recognizes those individuals who dedicate a large part of their careers, energy, and wisdom to benefit the public and the architectural profession. The 2005 recipients are:

Architect **Cornelius "Kin" DuBois, AIA**, of Denver, CO, was recognized for his long-standing efforts to assist broadly experienced architects seeking to qualify for the NCARB Certificate. A well-known figure in the Denver architecture community, DuBois is a principal at *klipp*, an award-winning architecture, planning, and interiors firm founded in 1979. A tireless volunteer for NCARB, DuBois served as a member of the NCARB Board of Directors from 2000-2002, as Regional Chair for the Western Conference, and as a member of the Colorado Board of Examiners of Architects for eight years, where he was twice elected board president.

Charles H. Henley, NAA, of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, and **Fernando Mora Mora**, of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, were recognized for their distinguished service as representatives to the Tri-National Committee, whose purpose is to "fulfill the challenge of maintaining international mutual relationships . . . with the architectural mutual recognition of credentials as a final goal." Henley, the former chair of the Committee of Canadian Architectural Councils (CCAC) and a principal of the PHB Group Inc., has shown exceptional collegial skills while working in synchrony with his counterparts from NCARB and Mexico's La Federación Nacional de Colegios de Arquitectos de la Republica Mexicana (FCARM) toward facilitating the mutual recognition of architects from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Likewise, Mora Mora, FCARM president, has distinguished himself through his significant contributions and as a skilled negotiator in ongoing deliberations. Attesting to Mora Mora's achievements, both the American Institute of Architects and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada have accorded him honorary membership.

Architect **William R. Ponko, AIA**, of Mishawaka, IN, has devoted a generous portion of his time to the development of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), having served on numerous NCARB committees since 1992. Ponko also completed five three-year terms on the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's Board of Registration for Architects and Landscape Architects between 1990 and 2004. As a principal of The Troyer Group since 1977, Ponko has been involved in hundreds of projects throughout the United States and has been consistently recognized for his excellence in planning, design, and use of materials.

Jan B. Simpson, of Columbia, SC, is the highly respected board executive for the South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners and administrator for the South Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Simpson was appointed to NCARB's Member Board Executives Committee for three consecutive years, serving as its chair in 2003-2004. She also served on the IDP Coordinating Committee and the Committee on the Intern Development Program, as well as the NCARB Graphic Pretesting Subcommittee for the ARE.

Peter Steffian, FAIA, of Boston, MA, was recognized for his lengthy tenure as an NCARB leader and for the legacy he leaves the architectural profession as the visionary behind the NCARB Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy. Steffian is the chairman of the board and principal of Steffian Bradley Architects, an award-winning firm based in Boston, with offices in London. He has served the Council in every leadership post since his appointment in 1989 to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects. His service includes: chairing the Massachusetts Board, chairing the New England Region, and representing Region 1 on the NCARB Board of Directors. Steffian was then elected consecutively as the Council's Treasurer, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President. Throughout his tenure, Steffian has distinguished himself as a consensus-builder while serving on

Addressing topics as varied as the design of health care facilities and the ongoing degradation of the environment, Annual Meeting keynote speakers Craig Zimring and Edward Mazria shared a common theme: Architects can effectively influence change within the building design community for the greater good.

Annual Meeting Keynote Speakers Characterize Architects as Agents of Change

CRAIG ZIMRING: “PROMOTING HEALTH THROUGH DESIGN”

Craig Zimring, an environmental psychologist and professor of architecture at Georgia Tech University, began his presentation by characterizing the design environment as “an unnecessarily dangerous, stressful, and unhealthy place” and then noting “that we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity together to change [it].”

Zimring personalized his thesis by describing his mother’s experience as a patient at the Mayo Clinic several years ago. He observed a number of factors—including noise levels, a lack of privacy, and the awkward placement of public spaces—that contributed to a less-than-optimal setting for care and recuperation.

How do architects fit into this situation? According to Zimring, architects assume an important role in reversing such factors because they are uniquely qualified—and positioned—to improve the health care environment. By paying greater attention to such details as single-patient rooms, the placement of hand-washing sinks, the inclusion of sound-reflecting tiles, and the presence of natural light, architects can effectively improve patient experiences.

These so-called healthy design features, drawn from evidence-based design strategies, not only establish a more positive envi-

ronment for patients and their families, they also can save hospitals a significant amount of money. Zimring explained, “Imagine going to your client and saying for all of these features your payback period is one year and after that you get \$12 million a year into your bottom line because of the hospital that you designed . . .” Consequently, hospitals can improve patient care while also improving their financial well-being. It’s a persuasive argument for architects to offer.

More information about Craig Zimring’s work can be found on the Center for Health Design web site (www.healthdesign.org).

EDWARD MAZRIA: “TURNING DOWN THE GLOBAL THERMOSTAT”

Architect Edward Mazria, whose work is recognized for its cutting-edge environmental ethos, delivered a rousing call-to-action: No less than the future of the global community is resting on the shoulders of architects. With trends such as exponential population growth, rising levels of carbon dioxide concentrations, and the debate surrounding global warming negatively affecting our environment, it may seem odd to turn to architects for guidance and leadership.

Not so, countered Mazria. What can architects do to reverse such negative trends? Their relationship with the building and construction industry is at the heart of Mazria’s argument. He explained, “If you reshape the

pie . . . [and create] a building sector, an architecture sector, you come up with about half of the total U.S. energy consumption and emissions in that sector.” Mazria added, “Make no mistake, it is only the building sector that can drive global warming, that can get us to the 2 degrees centigrade or 3 degrees centigrade that the scientific community is warning us about. Why aren’t we addressing it? It’s because . . . [n]obody understands what we do—and we don’t understand this connection between what we do and global environmental processes.”

Architects can begin their efforts by remembering that “we are the largest consuming block as a group in the world. We specify about a trillion dollars worth of goods and services every year as a block in this country alone.” Because architects “direct . . . clients to buy these goods and services,” they are in the unique position to change various industry standards by specifying out unwanted elements. Mazria explained, “We specified out lead. We specified out CO₂. Industries change. We can specify out CFCs if we wanted or use only specified products that use a little amount of fossil fuel to generate, but we need the information. This is where NCARB, AIA come in. We need that information.”

More information about Edward Mazria’s work can be found at www.mazria.com. DC